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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 14 December 1955

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Wisner,
Mr. Amory, Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick [redacted]
[redacted] Sheldon (part of meeting), Mr. [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted he had received a telephone call from Under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., who expressed concern over the current situation in [redacted] and had asked whether we could send someone there to give us a report. The Director said he had informed Mr. Hoover it would take "a group of people" to do this, however an air reconnaissance of this area might be possible. In any event the Director said he would discuss this problem with [redacted] when he sees him at 4:30 this afternoon and asked Mr. [redacted] in the meantime to furnish him with any ideas he might have on this subject.

b. Noted a cable from [redacted] (IN 40762) respecting [redacted] plans to return to the US on or about 21 December 1955 and tentatively approved the recommendation contained therein that he return for about two months after the Christmas holidays. In this connection the Director said he saw no objection to [redacted] returning as proposed, however, we might discuss this with him on his arrival. The Director also said arrangements should be made for [redacted] to see Under Secretary of State Hoover while he is here. ACTION: DD/P.

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25X1 e. Stated that when [] returns he wanted to sit down with him, DD/P and others to discuss over-all plans for CIA in light of the recent Geneva Conference. The Director said we have a long-range planning job to do and noted we would surely be asked about our future plans in this regard when we defend our budget before Congress.

Mr. Wisner:

25X1 a. Reported on a discussion he had with [] last night and noted that [] was willing and could do a job for CIA or for the Department of State. The Director said this was interesting to him since the Secretary had just called him yesterday with respect to obtaining someone for the [] area. ACTION: Mr. [] to remind the Director to speak to Herbert Hoover, Jr. or the Secretary of State upon his return about []

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25X1 c. Noted that Messrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr. and Robert Murphy had apparently cooled off on exploiting closing of the US Consulate at []. The Director remarked this being the case it would not be necessary for CIA to push this matter any further.

25X1 Mr. []

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25X1 Mr. Kirkpatrick:

25X1 Reported there is a good deal of pressure and rumblings on the proposed Congressional Watch Dog Committee for CIA, and in particular, some of these rumblings are coming from the Department

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of Defense. The Director said he had heard about this and wanted to discuss this matter further with Mr. Kirkpatrick. The Director also noted he had received a call from Rowland Hughes who said 33 senators had signed up to push for CIA's budget being submitted to Congress as a separate item and noted he had advised him that he must be in error since he believed that Mr. Hughes referred to certain Members of Congress expressing their concurrence in the Mansfield Bill.

Col. White:

a. Referred to our reply to the Attorney General's letter respecting whether or not CIA had any important legislation that required immediate action during the President's illness and stated we had now received a request that this reply be declassified. The Director approved.

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Mr. Amory:

a. Reported that he had made arrangements for the Director to have a luncheon and briefing for Secretary Furness in 1956.

b. Stated he had received a rather confusing call from State with respect to the letter on Scientific Attaches. The Director said he would prefer to forward this letter when the Secretary is in town.

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